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Title

:METHODS FOR DETECTING MARKERS ASSOCIATED

WITH ENDOMETRIAL DISEASE OR PHASE

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 35 USC §121

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2009, requiring restriction of the claims. Please enter the following election and amendments

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ELECTION OF CLAIMS

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the claims of Group I, *i.e.*, Claims 2-17 and 19-21, drawn to a method for detecting endometrial disease in a subject. Claims 2, 3, 4, 6, 8-10 and 19-21 fall within this elected group and read upon the election.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the single species (A) of methods and products wherein the markers are proteins.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the single species (B) of an endometrial marker from Table 1, namely the protein chaperonin 10, from among the allegedly patentably distinct group of markers listed in tables 1, 4, 5 or 6 and including those with specified SEQ ID NOs.

All pending claims 2, 3, 4, 6, 8-10 and 19-21 read upon the election.